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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 1997

Docket No. R97-1

REQUEST OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CONDUCT ORAL CROSS-EXAMINATION OF OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE WITNESS THOMPSON (OCA-T100)

Pursuant to Rule 4.B of the Special Rules of Practice, the United States Postal Service requests permission to conduct oral cross-examination of the Office of the Consumer Advocate witness Thompson (OCA -T100), concerning her testimony and her responses to designated interrogatories and OCA-LR-4, 6 and 7. In particular, oral cross-examination will focus on interrogatory responses.

The Postal Service requests that the witness bring copies of her testimony, interrogatory responses and the designated library references to the hearing. In addition, cross-examination may pertain to information that the witness has drawn from the Postal Service's filing. The Postal Service accordingly requests that witness Thompson bring copies of witness Patelunas' response to OCA/USPS-T5-3 to the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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